THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1534 Session of 1977

INTRODUCED BY DIETZ, WASS, HALVERSON, YAHNER, SHUMAN, GIAMMARCO, SALVATORE, SCHMITT, FISHER AND RHODES, JULY 26, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JULY 26, 1977

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an emergency constitutional amendment to the
2 Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, granting
3 the General Assembly the power to enact special laws to aid
4 certain individuals, corporations, associations, institutions
5 or nonpublic schools adversely affected by conditions caused
6 by certain storms or floods.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

8 hereby resolves as follows:

9 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of

10 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with

11 the emergency provisions of Article XI thereof:

12 That section 17, Article VIII be amended to read:

13 § 17. Special emergency legislation.

14 Notwithstanding any provisions of this Constitution to the

15 contrary, the General Assembly shall have the authority to enact

16 laws providing for tax rebates, credits, exemptions, grants-in-

17 aid, State supplementations, or otherwise provide special

18 provisions for individuals, corporations, associations or

19 nonprofit institutions, including nonpublic schools (whether

20 sectarian or nonsectarian) in order to alleviate the danger,

1 damage, suffering or hardship faced by such individuals,

2 corporations, associations, institutions or nonpublic schools as

3 a result of Great Storms or Floods of September 1971, or June

4 1972, or of 1974, or of 1975 or of 1977.

5   Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the

6 Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the

7 State, at the primary, municipal or general election next held

8 after the advertising requirements of section 1, Article XI of

9 the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been

10 satisfied.